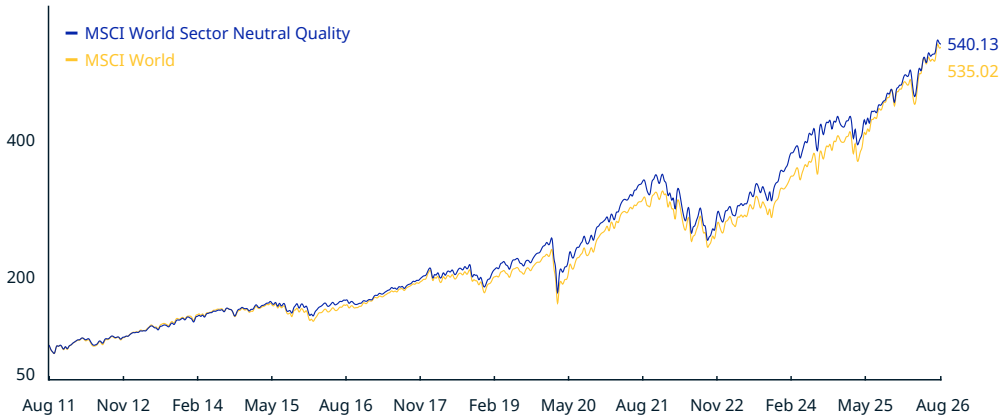
MSCI World Sector Neutral Quality Index (USD)

The **MSCI World Sector Neutral Quality Index** captures large and mid-cap representation across 23 Developed Markets (DM) countries*. The index aims to capture the performance of securities that exhibit stronger quality characteristics relative to their peers within the same GICS® sector by identifying stocks with high quality scores based on three main fundamental variables: high Return-on-Equity (ROE), low leverage and low earnings variability.

For a complete description of the index methodology, please see Index methodology - MSCI.

CUMULATIVE INDEX PERFORMANCE — NET RETURNS (USD) (AUG 2011 – AUG 2026)



ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

Year	MSCI World Sector Neutral Quality	MSCI World
2025	15.49	21.09
2024	16.81	18.67
2023	25.83	23.79
2022	-19.16	-18.14
2021	23.42	21.82
2020	14.98	15.90
2019	30.65	27.67
2018	-7.20	-8.71
2017	23.21	22.40
2016	5.05	7.51
2015	2.63	-0.87
2014	6.73	4.94
2013	25.90	26.68
2012	14.75	15.83

INDEX PERFORMANCE — NET RETURNS (%) (AUG 31, 2026)

					ANNUALIZED			
	1 Mo	3 Mo	1 Yr	YTD	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Nov 30, 1998
MSCI World Sector Neutral Quality	1.87	3.99	19.87	12.84	17.73	9.70	12.63	8.20
MSCI World	2.58	2.36	20.37	13.10	20.11	11.21	13.01	7.45

FUNDAMENTALS (AUG 31, 2026)

	Div Yld (%)	P/E	P/E Fwd	P/BV
MSCI World Sector Neutral Quality	1.42	24.13	20.59	6.82
MSCI World	1.50	23.20	18.55	4.12

INDEX RISK AND RETURN CHARACTERISTICS (NOV 30, 1998 – AUG 31, 2026)

				ANNUALIZED STD DEV (%) [2]			SHARPE RATIO [2,3]				MAXIMUM DRAWDOWN	
	Beta	Tracking Error (%)	Turnover (%) [1]	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Nov 30, 1998	(%)	Period YYYY-MM-DD
MSCI World Sector Neutral Quality	0.95	2.96	25.20	11.95	15.38	14.61	1.05	0.45	0.72	0.46	54.48	2007-10-31—2009-03-09
MSCI World	1.00	0.00	2.95	12.24	15.21	14.86	1.20	0.54	0.74	0.40	57.82	2007-10-31—2009-03-09

[1] Last 12 months [2] Based on monthly net returns data [3] Based on NY FED Overnight SOFR from Sep 1 2021 & on ICE LIBOR 1M prior that date

* DM countries include: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the UK and the US.

The MSCI World Sector Neutral Quality Index was launched on Aug 11, 2014. Data prior to the launch date is back-tested test (i.e. calculations of how the index might have performed over that time period had the index existed). There are frequently material differences between back-tested performance and actual results. Past performance -- whether actual or back-tested -- is no indication or guarantee of future performance.

INDEX CHARACTERISTICS

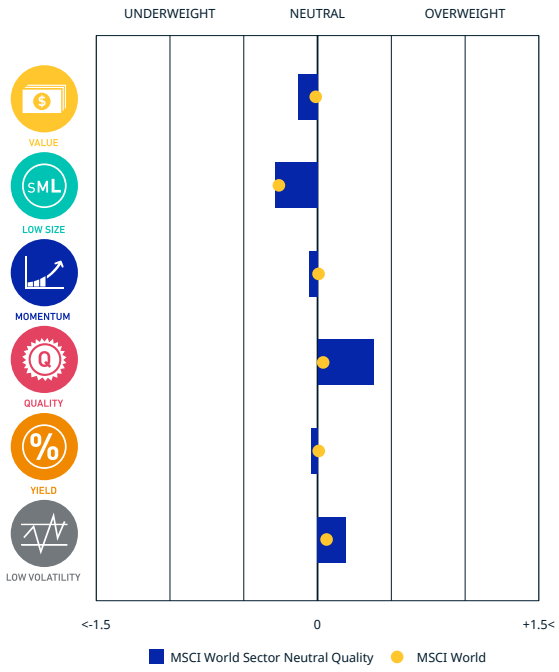
	MSCI World Sector Neutral Quality	MSCI World
Number of Constituents	301	1,280
	Weight (%)	
Largest	6.26	5.56
Smallest	0.01	0.00
Average	0.33	0.08
Median	0.12	0.03

TOP 10 CONSTITUENTS

	Country	Index Wt. (%)	Parent Index Wt. (%)	Sector
MICROSOFT CORP	US	6.26	3.90	Info Tech
APPLE	US	5.46	5.07	Info Tech
NVIDIA	US	5.16	5.56	Info Tech
VISA A	US	3.58	0.70	Financials
META PLATFORMS A	US	3.29	1.37	Comm Srvcs
ASML HLDG	NL	2.97	0.71	Info Tech
LILLY (ELI) & COMPANY	US	2.48	1.01	Health Care
MASTERCARD A	US	2.07	0.53	Financials
LAM RESEARCH CORP	US	1.92	0.41	Info Tech
TJX COMPANIES	US	1.89	0.16	Cons Discr
Total		35.08	19.42	

FACTORS - KEY EXPOSURES THAT DRIVE RISK AND RETURN

MSCI FACTOR BOX



MSCI FaCS

VALUE
Relatively Inexpensive Stocks

LOW SIZE
Smaller Companies

MOMENTUM
Rising Stocks

QUALITY
Sound Balance Sheet Stocks

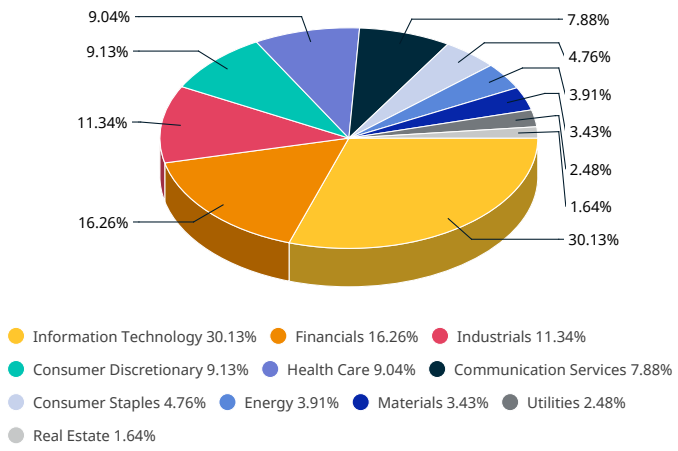
YIELD
Cash Flow Paid Out

LOW VOLATILITY
Lower Risk Stocks

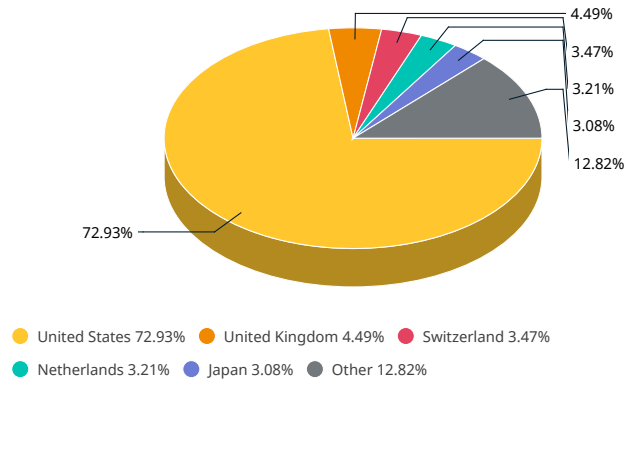
MSCI FaCS provides absolute factor exposures relative to a broad global index - MSCI ACWI IMI.

Neutral factor exposure (FaCS = 0) represents MSCI ACWI IMI.

SECTOR WEIGHTS



COUNTRY WEIGHTS



MSCI FACTOR BOX AND FaCS FRAMEWORK (Please refer to complete description of the MSCI FaCS methodology here)

MSCI FaCS is a standard method for evaluating and reporting the Factor characteristics of equity portfolios. MSCI FaCS consists of Factor Groups (e.g. Value, Size, Momentum, Quality, Yield, and Volatility) that have been extensively documented in academic literature and validated by MSCI Research as key drivers of risk and return in equity portfolios. These Factor Groups are constructed by aggregating 16 factors (e.g. Book-to-Price, Earnings/Dividend Yields, LT Reversal, Leverage, Earnings Variability/Quality, Beta) from the latest Barra global equity factor risk model, GEMLT, designed to make fund comparisons transparent and intuitive for use. The MSCI Factor Box, which is powered by MSCI FaCS, provides a visualization designed to easily compare absolute exposures of funds/indexes and their benchmarks along 6 Factor Groups that have historically demonstrated excess market returns over the long run.

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